

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Has Government fixed any age limit for candidates being sent abroad?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—All these conditions are laid down.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question-hour is over. The short-notice question tabled by Sri N. O. Samaji does not survive, because it has already been replied to.

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Salary and Allowances to the Personnel transferred from the integrated Areas to the Chief Engineer's Office, Bangalore.

Q.—1339. Dr. T. PARTHASARATHY (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of officials transferred from the integrated areas of Bombay, Hyderabad and Madras to the New Mysore State and now working in the Chief Engineer's Office, Bangalore;

(b) whether it is a fact that the allowances, salary, etc., drawn by these officials prior to their transfer are not being paid to them in spite of repeated request by them and that they are being subjected to severe hardship by thus withholding payments;

(c) whether they are aware that one of the primary conditions of the States Reorganisation Act is that the pay and allowances of the integrated officials will not be adversely effected by such transfers;

(d) the reason for discrimination particularly against these officials in the face of the provisions of the S.R. Act and in spite of specific orders of the Government in this behalf and more so when their counterpart officials working in other offices in Bangalore have been paid all allowances, etc., as per their individual last pay certificates;

(e) whether a request was not made to the Public Works Minister by some members of this House about this matter during the last session of this House and if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether they would investigate the matter and ascertain the reasons for this unsympathetic treatment and harassment of these officials and afford them immediate relief?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Bombay	20
Hyderabad	7
Madras	8

(b) Payment of salary and allowances is regulated in accordance with the orders of Government issued in May 1957 of which a copy is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The relevant provision of the States Reorganisation Act is that the conditions of service applicable immediately before the appointed day shall not be varied to the disadvantage of the persons concerned except with the previous approval of the Central Government.

(d) No question of discrimination arises.

(e) Some members discussed this matter with the Minister during the last Session of the Assembly. No action was called for.

(f) Does not arise in view of the reply to (b) above.

Members' Representations.

Sri S. KARIAPPA (Verupakshipura).—You said "I have given a long rope to Sri Kariappa." The term 'long rope' has a bad flavour. I am anxious to know in what sense you used that term.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not used in bad flavour. It means only good flavour, i.e., to put as many supplementaries as possible.